

IN & AROUND THE TERRACES

Information and news for residents

Autumn 2018

Welcome to the Autumn issue of the RRCTMA newsletter!

After a very good (by Scottish standards) summer, schools are back, students are returning to College and University, and the trees are beginning to show the first signs of changing colour. So, it's time for our Autumn issue where we hear about a new book on Calton Hill, an upcoming London Exhibition by a local artist, the next few critical weeks concerning the Appeal proceedings on the Old Royal High School, as well as several other local matters, including a community clean-up day on 6 October.

As always, we welcome feedback and contributions, so please contact us at rrcta@live.co.uk.



LONDON EXHIBITION FOR LOCAL ARTIST



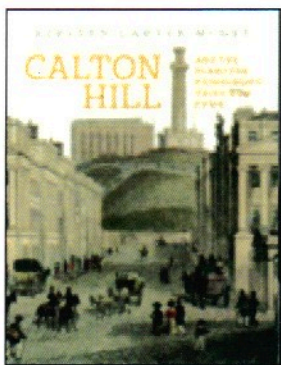
Regent Terrace resident and well-known artist Trina Bohan is preparing for a major solo exhibition at a top London Gallery.

This will take place at 54 The Gallery in Shepherd Market in Mayfair (<http://www.54thegallery.co.uk>) from 3 to 7 December and will feature 33 paintings and drawings. There is a reception on Friday 7 December where locals reading this who happen to be in London are welcomed!

Locally, Trina regularly exhibits at Arusha Gallery in Dundas St. and some of her work is there now; she will also have an exhibition there in the New Year (details will be posted on www.trinabohan.co.uk). Trina is a New Zealand native with a Diploma in Graphic Design from Christchurch. She has

developed her professional career working in several different formats and countries, including illustrations for magazines and newspapers in Papua New Guinea, landscape paintings in Indonesia and Zimbabwe, and portraiture in Bangladesh.

Trina moved into Regent Terrace with husband Graham Tyrie 8 years ago, and her current sea, sky and landscape work is inspired by the dramatic light, colours and big skies of Scotland. Trina travels to different wild locations in all weathers to capture images with camera and notebook which are then translated into paintings in her studio in Customs House in Leith, where she also does her figurative work and facilitates a (currently oversubscribed) figure drawing and painting group on Thursday mornings.



NEW BOOK ABOUT CALTON HILL

Dr Kirsten Carter McKee, who spoke at the RRCTMA AGM in March 2016 on her PhD research, has now this month published a book from this work "CALTON HILL and the Plans for Edinburgh's Third New Town"; <https://www.birlinn.co.uk/Calton-Hill.html>. The book, which is lavishly illustrated with plans, drawings and photographs, describes the use and development of Calton Hill and its surroundings over the last two centuries, and so is of obvious interest to residents in the RRCTMA area. The architectural and urban design styles and the political context during development are all discussed, including up to the current controversy surrounding the Old Royal High School. (Birlinn, £25, hardback)



COMMUNITY EVENT - CLEAN UP! SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

As winter draws in, join us for coffee and bacon butties at 10am on Saturday 6 October at 1 Regent Terrace. Then go armed with litter pick, bags, gloves and brushes (provided) so that we can clean up our Terraces and Mews. Our event is fully supported by Edinburgh City Council & Keep Scotland Beautiful, hope to see you there!



HOLD THE DATE...

Our Annual Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Tuesday 11 December at 6pm, more details to follow soon.

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NEW MEMBERS

We are keen to have as many local residents as members of the Regent, Royal Carlton Terraces and Mews Association (RRCTMA) so that we can ensure we keep you up to date on issues affecting our area.

If you have just moved here or perhaps have been here for a while and would like to join, please send an e-mail to rrcta@live.co.uk or call Mike Birch, Treasurer, on 0131 556 7380. We will send you an application form.

As a special incentive to encourage you to join now there will be no annual subscription due for new members until January 2019 (normally £10 per individual/£20 per family).

We also have two vacancies on the RRCTMA Committee – one to represent Mews residents and another for Royal Terrace. If you would be interested in being part of the committee please contact Carol Nimmo, Chair of the RRCTMA via rrcta@live.co.uk.

OLD ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Tuesday September 18 2018 marked the beginning of the end of the decision-making process for the future of the Old Royal High School (ORHS).

RRCTMA have discussed RHS since 2009, when Maidie reported at our AGM that Duddingston House Properties (DHP) had won the competition run by the Council, who needed to off-load this expensive building. The tender was for a boutique Arts Hotel and we were broadly in favour of the proposal to revive the building. This plan has been mentioned at each AGM since, but it was the end of 2014, at the tail end of the recession, when we got first sight of the first detailed drawings – the first intimation that the 'boutique' was also to include two vast wings attached to the original RHS building.

Since 2015, as many of you will know, RRCTMA have been actively involved in objecting to the two formal planning applications by DHP for a hotel. We are so grateful to the very many people who also objected, and we know that Terraces residents were a significant force in numbers.

Along with ALL the Heritage bodies, and of course the Council planning department who had recommended refusal, RRCTMA has been fully engaged in the Inquiry process, submitting letters, presentations, outline statements and finally our Statement and Precognition – on which we will be cross examined (!) Ruth Macdonald bravely agreed

to be a Witness for our stance, and adds a very personal slant by being next-door-neighbour to the monstrosity proposed, and representing Regent Terrace which undoubtedly will be affected.

The format of the Inquiry means that Heritage issues will be debated during the first two weeks, followed by economic arguments. Many witnesses are being called throughout, which closely follows the model of a Crown Court case, with advocates and representatives cross-examining every party.

The Inquiry is to be held at Hearts football stadium and is open to the public. It 'sits' Tuesday – Friday, 10am till 5pm. Carol Nimmo (Chair) will attend every day to represent RRCTMA, supported where possible by other committee members – and we encourage any interested residents to go along. It will be an interesting experience to say the least.

On completion of the Inquiry the two Reporters, acting for the Scottish Government, compile their report and make a recommendation. We will also be asking residents, one last time, to make their feelings known to our political representatives, our MSPs and MPs.

Then the Scottish Government makes the final decision. Then, and only then, will we truly know the future for the Old Royal High School.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ian MacIntyre and Patricia Baillie Strong who received a number of awards at the recent Federation of Edinburgh & District Allotments & Gardens Associations annual show including a 1st prize cup for their display of roses.

TERRACES AND MEWS UPDATE

ROADS

As you will have seen, there is a considerable amount of ongoing work to remove the gyratory system installed to allow the closure of Leith Street. The contractors are targeting to finish by 23 September at which time Carlton Terrace Brae will reopen. We will be monitoring traffic levels and speed once access is restored.

STREET LIGHTING

As evenings get darker, we have conducted a survey of street lighting on the Terraces and found 12 lights not working and reported these to the Council who will repair them by the end of September. An upgrading of ALL streetlights in Edinburgh has just been announced by the

Council. Roll-out details can be found on www.edinburgh.gov.uk/streetlighting; we are in Ward 11 City Centre.

CAR VANDALISM

As you are aware there has been a continuing problem with malicious damage to cars in our area, especially on Regent Terrace. This matter was raised at the August meeting of the New Town and Broughton Community Council. Thank you to everyone that responded to our request for details of such incidents. We will be following up with both the Police and Local Councillors on various suggestions to address the situation. If your car is damaged in the future, as well as reporting to the Police, please let us know at rrcta@live.co.uk.